

Assembly Bill 1585
Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review

State Agency Reporting Requirements

Summary

AB 1585 is a **Committee Bill** authored by the **Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee** that would **delete over 1500 obsolete report requirements** at considerable savings to the State.

It also makes **changes to the existing reporting system to ensure public access to all reports, expands electronic reporting, reduces paperwork and requires a repealer in future reports.**

Background

Approximately 3,000 reports are due from state agencies as listed on Legislative Counsel's public website. Reports may remain on the public list as "due" that were completed but not properly submitted, are "due" again annually even though reports are current, are the responsibility of an agency that no longer exists, were deferred during one of the many funding moratoriums but continue to be required, or should be deleted due to lack of legislative relevance.

The current process does not deal with any of these issues in a manner that allows the public and the Legislature to obtain up-to-date information or ensure that only those reports which are of use continue to be required.

Requests for reports usually contain no sunset date. As a result, reports remain on the books that require reporting on issues long resolved or no longer of relevance.

Solution

The bill will remove approximately 1500 reports. Specific repeal language will be required in any new legislation and any report that is due and is not completed within four years from the last due date, will be repealed if the required report was completed at least once. Electronic reporting is included along with paperwork reduction using one-page electronic summaries.

Committee staff estimates savings at \$5-8 million. Approximately 1/2 of these reports are still legally required.

Sponsor

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